


Planning and Development Department Update

DATE: October 14th, 2011
TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren
FROM: Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development 
RE: Friday Report
CC: Board of Aldermen
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

Monday 10/17/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newton Commission on Disability, 6:30 p.m., Cafeteria (basement level of City Hall)
Tuesday 10/18/11	
Wednesday 10/19/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Preservation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Newton Senior Center, Walnut Street, Newtonville• Urban Design Commission, 7:00 p.m., Planning & Development Conference Room (basement level)
Thursday 10/20/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brookline-Newton-Watertown-Waltham Homelessness Consortium, cancelled• Envisioning West Newton & Washington Street, 7:00 p.m., Room 222 & Aldermanic Chamber• Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 202

- **Newton Commission on Disability:** The Commission on Disability is meeting on **Monday, October 17** at 6:30 pm. In Room 209. The agenda includes the following: Approval of the September 12, 2011 minutes; Discussion of the updated CDBG report; Review of two variance requests (Newton History Museum Archives Preservation and Access project and All Newton Music School project); Request for an HP space at 38 or 42 West Street; Request to co-sponsor a transportation forum on November 29th; Updates on the Riverside Park Bridge, Cottage Restaurant, Chestnut Hill Shopping Center, Bigelow Middle School and HP signage and faded paint; Participation at the Fair Housing Committee; Discussion on snow removal and practices of phlebotomist relative to persons with disabilities. **Contact Trisha Gudit** at **617.796.1156** or tgudit@newtonma.gov.
- **Community Preservation Committee:** The Committee's next meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, October 18th** at the Newton Senior Center (345 Walnut Street, Newtonville). No proposal or project discussions are scheduled. The main agenda item is reviewing draft materials & plans for the CPA's 10th anniversary in Newton, as highlighted below. For details, go to www.newtonma.gov/cpa or contact **Alice E. Ingerson, Community Preservation Program Manager** at **617.796.1144** or aingerson@newtonma.gov.



Happy 10th Birthday, Newton CPA! Come to one or all of the CPC's neighborhood birthday parties to ask questions about the CPA & share your ideas about what makes Newton a community worth preserving. We especially hope to hear from residents of **Newton Corner, Nonantum, and Newtonville / Wards 1 & 2, 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, November 15th**, in the **Newton North High School Film Lecture Hall** (enter from front lobby).

Future schedule: **January 24, 2012** for West Newton, Auburndale, & Newton Lower Falls / Wards 3 & 4, at Warren House, 1600 Washington Street; **March 2012** for Waban, Newton Upper Falls, & Newton Highlands / Ward 5; **May 2012** for Newton Centre, Thompsonville, & Chestnut Hill / Wards 6 & 7; **September 2012** for the South Side, including Oak Hill & Oak Hill Park / Ward 8.

- **Urban Design Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Wednesday, October 19th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Department Conference Room, City Hall. The agenda includes sign review at **234 Adams Street, 1349 Washington Street, 899 Washington Street, 324 Walnut Street, and 141-145 California Street**. The agenda also includes site plan/design review for a proposed mixed-use building with ground floor commercial space and three residential units above at **8 Border Street**. For details contact **Derek Valentine at 617.796.1123 or dvalentine@newtonma.gov**.
- **Brookline-Newton-Watertown-Waltham Homelessness Consortium:** The Consortium meeting on October 20th has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be on November 17th. **Contact Trisha Guditz at 617.796.1156 or tguditz@newtonma.gov**.
- **Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, October 20th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202, City Hall. Items on the agenda include: **47 Lawrence Road**, request to replace roof and replace windows; Administrative discussion to include approval of minutes. **Contact Brian Lever at 617.796.1129 or blever@newtonma.gov**.
- **Envisioning West Newton Village and Washington Street:**
This fall, the Planning and Development Department is working with graduate students from MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning on a study of West Newton. On **Thursday, October 20th**, the students will present their preliminary findings and analysis on land use and zoning, parking and transportation, economic development and infrastructure. Public comments and questions are welcome! A second meeting will be held in December when they will present their recommendations. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments and discussion in Room 202, followed by the presentation from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber. **Contact Jen Molinsky at 617.796.1131 or jmolinsky@newtonma.gov or Amanda Stout at 617.796.1127 or astout@newtonma.gov**.

